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Dear Gerry,

We Mollie Ivins fans aoorecciate that column and will be sending a few others copies of it.

Glad your appearance before the Rotary went well. It may lead other of those clubs to invite you if there were visiting Rotarians.

The "why" addressed to the FBI is a common question. With me I should say "was" with the clubs but I get it in letters.

AsI've thought about this over the years I've found no reason to change my original belief: the Hoover/FBI image. He protrayed himself as the man on top of everything yet his President was killed and he not only didn't know about it - he let it happen.

There is only one way consistent with the cultivated image that this can be explained in a way that does not attribute failure to Hoover and the FBI, and that if there is no conspiracy and the crime is by a lone nut.

You have the DeLoach memo on Hoover's Manchester interview. You can use several passages from it. I don't recall whether you made a copy of CD1 or, more likely, I suggested that you ask Dave for a copy. You can take the index to that, while displaying the entire first volume (I always say there are four other volumes) and show that this supposedly defintive report by the greatest investigator of all time has virtually no information about the assassination at all, none at all on the shots, all of which are not even mentioned, and is rather a diatribe against Oswald. I suggest that you have separate copies of the relevant pages of the index to read from and display. I always say, too, that the question puts me in the position of having to read Hoover's and the FBI's mind, which cannot be done, really.

With regard to the question asking whether the King, JFK and Bobby assassinations were by the same people, I always say what I believe, no, there is no connection. But I also point out that despite the long time all had had powerful enemies none was killed until he underwent a basic change and in this sense all are related - they removed a national leader at the time of the change that would have gotten him more following, more influence.

I hope the copies of odds and ends that I think may be of interest does not give you to read what does not interest you.

With a few old friends, by which I mean they were friends before you were born, I've been reminiscing and responding to matters they raise in correspondence. One is a retired lawyer who was on the Senate Civil Liberties Committee with me, one is a rabbi and the other is a chemist who was oneof the developers of nylon. The rabbi is one of those invited to meet the pope when he was here and has ~~performed~~ had married mixed couples. All are, among other things, the most decent people I've know.

We are OK. Hope you are all well.

Sincerely,

Harold